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Containing the freſheſt Advices foreign and domeſtic.

THURSDAY, *April* 17, 1755.

ALGIERS, December 17.

ON the 11th Inſtant, about 8 o'Clock in the Morning, the Dey was aſſaſſinated in his Palace, and the Grand Treaſurer mortally wounded, by ſix Soldiers, Deſperadoes, whilſt the Dey and the Treaſurer were diſtributing the Pay to the Soldiery, in the Court Yard of his Palace. They were at laſt cut to Pieces; tho' not ſo ſoon but that Things hung in the Ballance for more than Half an Hour, whether the Government would be ſubverted or not. The Treaſurer is ſince dead of his Wounds: He had a Piſtol Ball in his Collar Bone, two deep Wounds in his Arm, two Cuts with a Sabre croſs his Head, his Right Hand cut off, and the other cleft down to his Wriſt. One of the Rebels, after receiving the Pay, and taking the Dey's Hand to kiſs according to Cuſtom, drew a concealed Dagger, and thruſt it through the Dey's Breaſt, then fired a Piſtol, which wounded the Dey in the Side. The Dey roſe, and walked a few Yards, calling out to his Attendants, &c. "*If amongſt ſo many of them, they could not deſtroy ſuch a Villain,*" and then dropped. Another, at the ſame Time, aſſaſſinated the Treaſurer. The firſt Conſpirator, after killing the Dey, took off his (the Dey's) Turban, and putting it on his Head, ſeated himſelf where the Dey had ſat; and thinking himſelf ſecure from the Sanction of the Seat (which although he had juſt violated, from a vulgar Notion prevailing here, he perhaps thought if he could once attain, he ſhould be acknowledged Sovereign) he began to harangue the Divan, and the Dey's Secretaries, who were all ſeated near him; telling them, that he would govern them; that he would make War with ſome Powers, this Country being at Peace with too many; that he would do Juſtice to all; brandiſhing his drawn Sabre in his Hand. He bid them order the Dey's Band of Muſic (who were there) to play, and the Drums to beat; which the Divan were forced to order. He had ſat, thus unmoleſted, for more than a Quarter of an Hour, whilſt the five others were at Work with their Piſtols and Sabres. When, in this Criſis (for had he ſat but a Quarter of an Hour longer, the Guns had been fired, and he had been acknowledged Sovereign) one of the Chiauſes or Meſſengers in the Palace, took Courage, and ſnatching up a Carabine, fired it at him, and killed him: This Example was followed by ſome other Chiauſes, and his five Accomplices were alſo ſoon deſtroyed.

Tho' there appeared but ſix Actors, it is believed there muſt have been more at Hand; but that the Reſt, who were perhaps ready to join, on the firſt Appearance of Succeſs, finding afterwards that Things went ill, ſtole off in the Croud; for the Dey was at that Time giving the Pay to no leſs than 300 Soldiers in his Court Yard. Yet, as incredible as it ſeems, that ſix Men ſhould attempt ſuch an Action, it is much more ſo, that it ſhould have been (as it was) very near ſucceeding; for it is acknowledged on all Hands, and even the new Dey (ſince made) declared, that had the Conſpirator kept his Seat a few Minutes longer, all would have been loſt, and the Government ſubverted.

Theſe Men ſeem to have laid their Scheme, and founded their Hopes on a Circumſtance, which one would have thought would have rendered the Attempt abſolutely impoſſible, but which, however, had brought it very near being accompliſhed, viz. The Number of Soldiers there receiving their Pay, who indeed always enter without any Arms, when they receive it; but when the Conſpirators fell to work, the Soldiers, not imagining ſuch an Attempt could be made by ſix Men, without Numbers at hand to back them, uncertain, for ſome Time, what Part to take, ran all away, by a private back Door, to their Barracks, leſt they might be ſuſpected to be of the Number of Conſpirators, and the Guard of the Dey's Palace (who always wait without the Gates compleatly armed) might come in upon them; but the Gates having been ſhut by ſome of the Conſpirators, the Guard could not get in to the Dey's Defence, or perhaps had not the Courage to attempt it, as they concluded, on hearing the Piſtol-ſhots, and the Confuſion, that all the Soldiers within were Confederates, and had come ſecretly armed for that Purpoſe. Many more Perſons were wounded beſides the Haſnagee, or Treaſurer.

Ali Baſhaw, the Aga of the Saphis, or Generaliſſimo, was immediately ſent for, and placed in the Seat of the murdered Dey; the Cannon were fired, and, in one Hour's Time, from the moſt diſturbed Situation imaginable, perfect Tranquility was reſtored to the City.

The preſent Dey's Name is Ali Baſhaw: He is a hearty, hale, robuſt Man, of about 46 Years old. The late Dey had reigned about ſix Years, and was arrived to the Age of 75.

'Tis ſaid the Conſpirator who killed the Dey, and ſat in his Seat, had been baſtinadoed laſt Year by the Dey's Order, for ſome Crime. The Conſpirators were all Soldiers; one of them (as every Soldier here is a Mechanick) ſpun Linen, and another of them was a Cobler.

Cherif Mehemet, who was ſent ſome Time ago with ſome Troops againſt the Cabayllies, and had Succeſs againſt them, has ſucceeded the new Dey in his Poſt of Aga, or Generaliſſimo; and the Chiauſe, whoſe Reſolution and Courage ſaved the State in ſo great a Criſis, is made Treaſurer to the new Dey.

To the Printers of the PENNSYLVANIA GAZETTE.

AS Reflections, not leſs ſevere than falſe and malicious, upon his Majeſty's two Independent Companies of Foot, ordered from *New-York* to *Virginia*, to aſſiſt in repelling the Encroachments of the *French* upon the *Ohio*, were firſt publiſhed in the *Virginia* News Paper*, and from thence reprinted in ſeveral weekly Papers upon this Continent, and re-publiſhed in ſeveral News Papers in *England*, have probably given the Public, in both Parts of the World, unfavourable Impreſſions of the ſaid Corps; the Gentlemen, whoſe Names are ſubſcribed to the following plain and candid Narrative of the Facts in Queſtion, and who were in their ſeveral Commands with the ſaid two Companies, from the Day of their Embarkation, to the Day of their Arrival at *Wills*'s Creek, now *Fort Cumberland*, *think*, that Truth and Honour call upon them, to publiſh this *true* and *artleſs* Relation of the Proceeding and March of the ſaid Troops, ——that the Public may have fair Play given to their Judgments;——that military Incapacity, and thoſe Diſappointments, which are the natural Conſequences of Miſmanagement, may, in the impartial Eye of the Public, fall where they ought to fall;——that the Innocent may not be made a crafty Sacrifice by the *Guilty*; and that Reproach may be given to thoſe unto whom Reproach is due.

About the ſecond or third of *April*, 1754, Capt. *Clarke* received an Order from the Honourable *James De Lancey*, Eſq; Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of *New-York*, bearing Date the firſt of ſaid Month, for repairing with his Company (at that Time poſted in the City of *Albany*, in the ſaid Province) to *Fort George*, in the City of *New-York*, &c. &c.

In Conſequence of the ſaid Order, Capt. *Clarke* immediately wrote to his firſt Lieutenant, Mr. *Spearing*, then at *Albany*, to hold himſelf in Readineſs to march with his Company at an Hour's Warning.

Captain *Clarke* embarked in a Sloop for *Albany*, as ſoon after his writing the aforeſaid Letter as he could procure himſelf a Paſſage, and arrived there the fourteenth of the ſaid Month of *April*.

The twenty fourth of the ſaid Month, which was as ſoon as Captain *Clarke* could get a Sloop to carry his Men down the River, he embarked with his Company for *New York*.

The twenty ſeventh of *April* his Company marched into *Fort George*, in the City of *New-York*.

The eighth of *May* following, Captain *Clarke* received Governor *De Lancey*'s Order of that Day, for embarking, with his and Captain *Rutherford*'s Company ‡, on board the *Centaur* Man of War, then lying at the City of *New-York*, and bound for *Virginia*, and on his Arrival there, to acquaint Governor *Dinwiddie* therewith, and from him to receive his Majeſty's further Pleaſure relative to the Deſtination of the ſaid Troops.

The ninth of *May* Captain *Clarke*, with the two Independent Companies, got on board his Majeſty's Ship *Centaur*, then under the Command of *Archibald Kennedy*, junior, Eſq;

The firſt of *June* following the *Centaur* Man of War, under the Command of Captain *Dudley Digges*, failed from *Sandy-Hook* for *Virginia*, with Captain *Clarke*, and the aforeſaid two Companies.

The eighth of ſaid Month, the *Centaur* Man of War, with the two Independent Companies, arrived in *Hampton* Road, in *Virginia*.

The ſame Day Captain *Clarke* came aſhore at *Hampton*, and waited on Colonel *Hunter*, who, he underſtood, was appointed by Governor *Dinwiddie* as an Agent for providing Neceſſaries for the King's Troops. To this Gentleman Captain *Clarke* applied to know if he had any Orders for him.—— Colonel *Hunter* replied, he had none, nor knew of any.

Hereupon Captain *Clarke*, in Company with Captain *Digges*, ſet out early the next Morning for *Williamſburg*.

On the ninth of *June* they arrived at *York*, where they applied to two Gentlemen of his Majeſty's Council of *Virginia*, to know if they had any Orders from Mr. *Dinwiddie* concerning the ſaid two Independent Companies. They replied, they had no Orders, but adviſed Captain *Clarke* and Captain *Digges* to proceed to *Williamſburg*, where the Governor was every Day expected from *Wincheſter*.

They proceeded to *Williamſburg*, where they arrived the eleventh of *June*.——As the Governor was not yet arrived, Captain *Clarke* and Captain *Digges* applied to the Gentlemen of his Majeſty's Council there for Orders; who told them, Mr. *Dinwiddie* had given none that they knew of; at this Captain *Digges* being very uneaſy, ſaid, he would not wait, but return to *Hampton*, and land the Troops there; and Captain *Clarke* thought it proper to accompany Captain *Digges*.

The thirteenth of *June* they got to *Hampton*; the ſame Day Doctor *Colbous*, Surgeon to the two Independent Companies, gave a Memorial to Captain *Clarke*, ſetting forth the Neceſſity of landing the Troops for two or three Days, *&c.*——Which Memorial Captain *Clarke* communicated the ſame Day to Meſſieurs *Legge*, *Whitewell*, *Digges*, and *Suckling*, Commanders of his Majeſty's Ships of War,

* *In the* Virginia *Gazette*, July 19, 1754, *after Colonel* Waſhington's *and Captain* Maccoy's *Account of their Defeat at the* Great Meadows, *is the following Paragraph*, viz. "*Thus have a few brave "Men been expoſed to be butchered, by the Negli- "gence of thoſe who, in Obedience to their Sovereign's "Command, ought to have been with them many "Months before; and it is evidently certain, that "had the Companies from* New York *been at ex- "peditious as Captain* Maccoy's *from* South Caro- "lina, *our Camp would have been ſecure from the "Inſults of the* French, *and our brave Men ſtill "alive to ſerve their King and Country.*" *And in the* Virginia *Gazette*, February 14, 1755, *after giving an Account of Colonel* Stephen's *March from* Alexandria *to* Wincheſter, *is the following Remark of the Printer's*, viz. "*If the Troops at that Place, "laſt* June, *had made ſuch Marches to join thoſe at "the* Great Meadows, *what an happy Iſſue of that "Action might have been expected.*"

‡ *Captain* Rutherford *was at this Time in* England, *with his Majeſty's Leave.*

War, then lying in *Hampton* Road, and the said Captains signed it as their Opinion, that his Majesty's Service required the Troops should be landed.

On the fourteenth of *June* the Troops were landed, and put into some empty Store-houses at *Hampton*.

The sixteenth of *June* Advice coming to *Hampton*, that Governor *Dinwiddie* was returned to *Williamsburg*, Captain *Clarke*, with Mr. *Kennedy*, Lieutenant of the *Centaur*, set out for said Town. ——The same Evening they arrived at *Williamsburg*, and waited on Governor *Dinwiddie*. Captain *Clarke* acquainted him with the Arrival of the Troops, and desired to have his Orders concerning them. Mr. *Dinwiddie* told Captain *Clarke* to call on him the next Day: He did, and received his Directions to return to *Hampton*, and embark the two Companies as soon as possible on board his Majesty's Ship the *Triton*, bound to *Alexandria*, where he would find Orders lodged for him.

The eighteenth and nineteenth of *June*, the Troops were embarked on board the *Triton*, and a small Schooner, and pursuant to Governor *Dinwiddie*'s Order, sailed for *Alexandria*, where they arrived the twenty second of the same Month; there Captain *Clarke* found Governor *Dinwiddie*'s Orders for his further Proceedings.

Captain *Clarke* was taken ill on board the *Triton*, and on their Arrival at *Alexandria*, was so much indisposed as to keep his Bed.

Upon their Arrival at *Alexandria*, Captain *Clarke* immediately applied to Mr. *Carlisle*, appointed by Governor *Dinwiddie* Commissary of the Stores, for Waggons, *&c.* in order to march and join Col. *Washington*, according to Mr. *Dinwiddie*'s Orders; but although Captain *Clarke* and Lieutenant *Ogilvie* frequently renewed their Applications to the said Commissary, they could not obtain either Waggons, or any other Necessaries, requisite for their marching.——He was obliged to go as far as *Annapolis* in *Maryland* to purchase Blankets; neither was he provided with Kettles, Spades, Axes, or any other Utensils, necessary for marching or encamping, nor was he provided with Provisions sufficient for the March: Hence the Companies were detained at *Alexandria*, till the sixth of *July* following*.

Captain *Clarke* being informed that it would be difficult to get the Troops on their March, unless he would go with them, though he was so much out of Order as to be incapable of either marching or riding, yet he went out to their Encampment, saw them march off, and followed them on a Bed in a Waggon; this brought on him a Relapse, and he found himself so ill on his Arrival at *Winchester* ‡, as rendered him quite unfit to proceed any further, and being destitute of the proper Means for the Recovery of his Health in that newly settled Country, he obtained Col. *Innes*'s Leave, who was then at *Winchester*, to return to *New-York*.

Hereupon the Command of the two Companies devolved upon Lieutenant *Ogilvie*, who was directed by Captain *Clarke* to take his future Orders from Colonel *Innes*, whom Governor *Dinwiddie* had appointed to command all the Forces to be employed on the *Ohio*.

The Independent Companies arrived at *Winchester* the twelfth of *July*, and were ordered by Colonel *Innes* to encamp four Miles further; from thence they received no Orders to march till the third of *August* following, when they received Colonel *Innes*'s Orders to pursue their March to *Wills*'s Creek, now *Fort Cumberland*, there to put themselves under the Command of Captain *Mackay*, of the *South Carolina* Detachment.

The Companies encamped at *Wills*'s *Creek*, the first of *September*. In their March from their Encampment, near *Winchester*, to *Wills*'s *Creek*, they were detained at the South Branch of *Potowmack* River twenty-one Days, for want of Flatts, or any other Conveniences, for Passage, the said River being so swelled from the continual and great Rains, as by Information from the Inhabitants, and repeated Trials, not to be safely fordable either for Men or Waggons. In much the same Situation Colonel *Innes*, with some Officers and Levies from *North-Carolina*, was detained at a Ford called *Cape Capon*.

Fort Cumberland, *at* Wills's *Creek*, March 12, 1755.

THOMAS CLARKE,
WILLIAM OGILVIE,
SIMEON SOUMAIN,
RICHARD MILLER,
WILLIAM SPEARING,
ALEXANDER COLHOUN.

* *Mr.* Washington's *Capitulation at the* Meadows (*Two hundred and fifty Miles from* Alexandria) *was signed the third of* July, 1754.

‡ *A small Village of about thirty or forty Houses, and between eighty or ninety Miles from* Alexandria.

LONDON, January 25.

WE have received an Account that 500 good Sailors were impress'd in the River, and about the Nore. Search-Warrants are also made out.

Regulating Captains are to sit de Die in Diem, at the Castle-Tavern in Mark Lane. Two worthy Men are already appointed for that Service, viz. John Brett, and Robert Duff, Esqrs.

It is also said, that Thomas Smith, Esq; Vice-Admiral of the White, a most amiable worthy Man in all Respects, is to have a Special Command on this Occasion.

Jan. 28. Our Correspondent at Paris suggests, that some very intelligent Persons there are of Opinion, that their present religious Disputes are the Source of those flagitious Crimes which at once dishonour and disturb the Peace of the Kingdom; and that there can be no Hopes of a Reformation, till, by some Means or other, the Prelates are taught to have a just Regard for their Duty.

Some take upon them to say, that all the Ships fitted out by our haughty Neighbours at Brest, and other marine Towns in France, have their complete Number of Men and Guns; what Foundation they have for this Report we know not, but a Gentleman who lived some Years in France assures us, their arbitrary Method is to stop every Ship from going to Sea, till the Grand Monarch's Ships are manned; besides every Seaman is registered in the Marine, and the Intendant has Power to oblige even a Commander of a Merchant Ship to sail before the Mast in a Man of War, or send him to the Galleys. Strange that any Native of Britain should not love his dear Land of Liberty.

February 1. Some private Letters from Paris by the last Mail, brought a Piece of News, which, if true, will, probably disconcert the Measures of the French, both with Regard to America and Europe. They tell us that the Court has received Advice from the East, that M. Dupleix, Governor of Pondicherry, has caused himself to be proclaimed King; that in Imitation of the Eastern Manner he is approached with bended Knees; and that he has already a Guard of 10,000 Men, which Number will be greatly increased by the Advantages he gives the Officers and the considerable Pay which he allows to the common Men.

We hear that ten Men of War more were put into Commission on Tuesday last, and that 12,000 more Seamen will be allowed for the Service of the current Year.

We hear that several Gentlemen of his Majesty's Navy, are come to a Resolution to raise a Subscription for discharging a Number of poor Sailors, confined for small Debts in several Prisons in and about London; and that the Pursers will supply the Slops at Prime Cost.

The last Letters from Paris inform us, that they have received, over Land from India, a particular Account of the Engagement between the English and French, wherein the Convoy destined for Major Lawrence's Camp, was intercepted and cut off; according to which Account, the Loss of the English was treble of what was published by Authority here; and in Consequence thereof, the Swiss Troops at Fort St. David's were ordered to march to Fort St. George, to reinforce the Garrison of this Place. This Account is said to have been sent by an Express to the French Ambassador; and we presume it has given Rise to an unwelcome Report concerning Madrass.

We hear that a Sloop of War is ordered to go and drop Anchor in the Road of Brest, to see what is doing there, and bring early Intelligence; but what Reception she may meet with, may not perhaps be known these two or three Weeks. We also hear from Portsmouth, that they are hard at Work in fitting twelve Capital Ships.

It is said that our English Shipwrights, as well as our English Sailors, will be invited home by a Proclamation, setting forth, that if they return to their Country against such a Day, they shall not only be pardoned, but kindly received; and Emoluments and Privileges allotted by Parliament for their Encouragement for the future: But that they who will not return, if they are taken in either French or Spanish Ships, shall have no Mercy, but be hanged upon the Yard-arm without a Court Martial.

A Snow called the Lee, John Snow Master, Burthen 160 Tons, laden with 314 Hogsheads of Tobacco, 11000 Pipe, Hogshead, and Barrel Staves, and 72 Walnut Planks, bound from Virginia to London, was on the 19th past, stranded on the Back of the Isle of Wight, and the whole Cargo lost, but the Crew were saved.

February 4. According to the last Advices from Brest, they are in the greatest Hurry imaginable about the Armament making in that Port; the Men work on Sundays and Holidays; and they are also making up great Quantities of Medicines in the Hospitals.

A Fleet is sailed from Brest, consisting of six Men of War, with 12 Transports, and 12 Battalions, on Board.

February 8. A Command of the Royal Train of Artillery have Orders to hold themselves in Readiness upon an Hour's Notice.

The Right Honourable the Lords of the Admiralty have been pleased to grant Protections to the Ships cleared from the Custom-house, outward bound, and to such as have perishable Goods on Board; likewise to Fishing-Vessels, and to West-Country and Ware Barges; and to Ship Wrights in Builders Yards. It is supposed that Colliers will have the same Indulgence, on Account of the Severity of the Season.

February 10. A Proclamation is issued in the Gazette of Saturday last, for recalling and prohibiting Seamen from serving foreign Princes and States; also for increasing the Bounty Money to able bodied Seamen to Three Pounds, and ordinary Seamen to Forty Shillings, who shall enter before the Tenth of March next; and likewise that a Reward of Two Pounds for every able bodied Seamen, and Thirty Shillings for every ordinary One, be paid to any Person who shall discover any such that secrete themselves.

Some private Intelligence from Ireland, gives an Account of several large Ships having been lately seen hovering about the Northern Coast of that Kingdom, supposed to be French Men of War.

We are well informed that a Fleet of Twenty-five Ships of the Line of Battle will be ready to rendezvous at Portsmouth, or in the Downs, fit for any Service, by the 20th of this Month.

We hear that the Merchants trading to the West-Indies have applied to the Post Masters General for Packet Boats, in order to carry on their Commerce in these Colonies with the greatest Security, in case of an open Rupture with France. The same having been practised in our former Wars with that Nation.

Men of War's Tenders are sailed to New-Castle, &c. to press Men for his Majesty's Service.

It was strongly reported last Friday, that a Ship was arrived in the River from France, which brought Advice, that an Embargo was expected to be laid on the Ships there the Day after he sailed from thence.

Extract of a Letter from Plymouth, *February* 2.

"An Admiral is soon expected here to forward the Service, as in the late War. The Post arrives every Day from Aloft, our Rents will soon rise, and you see a Smile in almost every Face, from a Prospect of speedy Gain, too many having already expended, in Luxury and Diversions, what they got by the last Rupture. Some dry old Chaps, indeed, pretend to lament the Inland Towns and Villages as if they must lose by our Gain; but the Generality pay no Regard to that, and instead of praying for Peace in our Time, would have War with France for ever."

"A Gentleman from France reports, that in the Marine Towns, Tickets, or what they call Placards, are set over People's Doors, requiring and commanding the Inhabitants to come forthwith into the Service, under divers great Pains and Penalties.—I suppose he means Confiscation, a Galley, or a Rack."

Extract of a Letter from Chatham, *dated Feb.* 6.

Lord Harry Paulet is appointed Captain of the Barfleur, a second Rate.

The Antelope, Hampshire, Falmouth, and Rochester, fourth Rates, are ordered to be fitted for Sea.

Extract of a Letter from Gosport, *Feb.* 7.

"The utmost Expedition is used to expedite the Ships for Sea Service. His Majesty's Ships Terrible, Fogeux, Nottingham, and Anson, have been sheathed, and will be at Spithead in a few Days."

"Yesterday the Prince George Man of War, Capt. Roger Martin; Grafton, Capt. Charles Holmes; and the Blandford, Capt. ——, were put into Commission."

"The Anson is sailed to Spithead, and remains with his Majesty's Ship Captain."

Plymouth, Feb. 3. The fine new Battery, belonging to the Garrison, towards the Sea, which was finished last Spring, is soon to be fortified with Cannon of 32 Pounders; one is already brought from the Gun Wharff, in Hamoaze, weighing 54 C. 2 Qrs. 20 lb.

Capt. Faulkner commands the Lime, and Capt. Innes the Dispatch Sloop, lately put into Commission.

Chatham, Feb. 7. They work with the greatest Vigour and Spirit, an Instance of which the Prince of 90 Guns was sheath'd in a Day (i. e.) between Yesterday

Yesterday Morning, and the Evening of the same Day; they are rigging her in the Dock, and she will be out in a few Days. The Nassau was commissioned Yesterday, and the Command given to Capt. Cockburne. The Yarmouth and Somerset, will sail in a Day or Two; the Dunkirk and Litchfield are in great Forwardness.

ST. JOHN'S (in Antigua), January 3.

Some Time last Month arrived here that renowned American Traveller, the tragic-comic, the reformed TOM BELL, and, after tarrying a few Days, set Sail for some other Port.——He was in a poor State of Health, and imagined that the Air of this Climate would recover it so as to enable him to pursue the Design of publishing his Life and Adventures, whereby, he says, much Good may be done, much Evil prevented, and that Entertainment obtained which the World has long expected and desired.——As a reputed Liar is seldom believed when he speaks the Truth, so a Man who has once acquired the Name of a Villain, is liable to the Imputation of Crimes and Enormities which he never committed; that this is Bell's Case, admits of not more Doubt than the Falsity of common Report, and may be as easily proved as that he has been a Rogue and an Impostor. Who can believe that he never swore a prophane Oath, or was drunk? yet this he affirms: Who can credit, that he never took Advantage of, or debauched, Virgin-Innocence? he declares it for Truth: Who can imagine that he never stole a Horse? he clears himself in that Particular,——and informed us, that some of his Pranks, which, in the Eyes of the Public, have neither Modus or Manner, Concomitant or Consequent, will, in Time, appear to be logically conducted; to have had Design for their Basis, Humour in their Connection, and a comical Conclusion.——In or about 1730 he was in London, near eighteen Months a Store-Keeper and Clerk in Jamaica, and had an Academy near the Ohio, besides officiating as a School Master in every Province from Nova-Scotia towards Georgia. He has practised Physic, pleaded Law, and acted Tar by being many Voyages before the Mast, loading and unloading Vessels. Since, therefore, it appears, that his Proceedings do not partake of Tragedy, he seems to deserve the Appellation of an Universal Comedian.

HALIFAX, in Nova-Scotia, March 8.

A likely healthy Widower, about five and twenty, in tolerable Circumstances, with two Children, wants a prudent industrious Wife: Enquire of the Printer. *The great Sir* Thomas Moore, *in his Day, tempar'd the Chance of getting a good Wife, to the following Chance of picking an Eel out of a Bag*, viz. *Put Nineteen Snakes and one Eel into a Bag, shake them well together, then put in your Hand, and by* CHANCE *you may pull out the* Eel. [Quere, *Whether Sir* Thomas *might not have allow'd one* MORE *to be put in the Bag.*]

New-London, March 26. By Capt. Clinton, just arrived from St. Martin's, we have Advice, that on the 19th Instant, in Lat. 36. he spoke with a Ship from Liverpool for Virginia, the Master of which told him, he had been out 25 Days, and that vast Preparations for War were on Foot, that 50 Ships of the Line were in Commission, and ready to put to Sea; that a Press beyond what hath long been known, prevailed throughout England: That upon the present Emergency, 600 Men were drawn out of Greenwich Hospital, and several hundreds that had been taken up for smuggling: That it was almost a general Goal Delivery, and that all proper expeditious Measures were taken to prepare a powerful Armament.

WILLIAMSBURG, April 4.

We hear from Petersburg, on Appomattox, that the Warehouses, called Bolling's Warehouses, were burnt down to the Ground, and upwards of Thirteen Hundred Hogsheads of Tobacco entirely consumed.

BOSTON, *March 31.*

Extract of a Letter from London, dated January 20, 1755.

"——*We are fitting out 3 Squadrons of Men of War, to relieve those in the Mediterranean and the West Indies; and on Friday last the Guard Ships were ordered to be fully manned, and 20 Men of War of the Line, besides the above 3 Squadrons, were put into Commission, and are to be off Brest in 30 Days; so we expect a warm Impress for Seamen every Hour. The French and Spanish Fleets together, are just equal to our Navy, as appears by an exact List of the 3 Fleets; but the French have lately made prodigious Contracts for Naval Stores to augment their Marine.——No Man here expects a European War this Year; but the next, all agree that nothing can prevent a general War with France. We are upon better Terms than ever with Spain, and there is not the least Apprehension of a Rupture on that Side.*"

Extract of another Letter from the same Author, dated January 21.

"——*Last Night an Express was dispatch'd to Ireland, with Orders for augmenting two Regiments of Foot there to 1400 Men, by Draughts from the other Regiments, and to repair immediately to Plymouth, where they are to embark on board the Men of War that are to attend the French Fleet, and are to be landed in such Part of North America, as the Enemies Measures in that Country may produce the greatest Occasion for them: And there went also by the same Express, Orders for 20 additional Men to each Company and Troop of his Majesty's Forces that are in that Kingdom.——An Express Boat will depart in a few Days with Dispatches for all the Northern Colonies, from the Government; but this Ship may get into Boston, before the Express reaches Virginia.*'

NEW YORK, March 31.

Extract of a Letter from Madeira, dated February 17, 1755.

——"Yesterday arrived here a Ship in 16 Days from Gravesend; who brings Advice, That the French had sent fifteen Sail of the Line, and five Frigates, besides six or eight Thousand Troops, to America, and that there was a more than usual Press in England when she came away: The Expedition with which the British Court dispatched their 16 Ships to Virginia, it is imagined, has given Rise to this Resolution of the French:—You therefore ought to be on your Guard throughout all the English Provinces in America."

By several Letters received here from London (via Boston) there is Advice, That the English are using the utmost Diligence, in equipping their Navy, and that a great Number of Men of War are put into Commission; that the Parliament have voted 12,000 Seamen for the Service of the present Year, and that they have added a Clause to the Act, whereby they oblige themselves to supply his Majesty with whatever Number of Seamen, or Soldiers, he may think proper to demand; that the Contractors for the Victualling Office have bought up, and given Orders for more Provision, than ever was known in Time of War; and that the most Judicious in England imagine, unless Things take quite a different Turn from what they are at present, that is, unless the French are disconcerted in India (which is very unlikely, if our late Advices be true) that England must soon come to an open Rupture with that perfidious and Treaty-breaking Nation.

PHILADELPHIA, *April 10.*

The following contains the Substance of several Letters by Capt. Callender, viz.

"*That unless some Measures were fallen upon to adjust Matters between England and France, an open Rupture must soon be the Consequence, both Sides seemingly making the greatest Preparations for that Purpose, and with the utmost Expedition: That all or most of our Ships of the Line are put into Commission, and a very hot Press carried on in the principal Ports of England, and Ireland: That six Ships of War, with a Number of Transports, having several Regiments on board, had sailed from Brest; their Destination uncertain; some think for Canada, others for New York: That our Ministry seem'd resolv'd to be no longer bullied or intimidated by France, and had given the Ambassador from that Court Notice, that if his Master would quit Claim to what the English have a Right to in the East Indies, and likewise in America, Affairs might be made up; to which they demanded a Categorical Answer: And if not, 'tis said, they would send Admiral Hawke with a Fleet to block up Brest, with Orders to fall upon all their Men of War and Transports that might attempt to get out.*"

ANNAPOLIS.

Friday and Saturday last came to Town, from the Northward, his Excellency Governor SHIRLEY, *of* Boston, *and the Honourable Governor* DE LANCEY, *of* New-York, *and Governor* MORRIS, *of* Philadelphia, *with a great Number of Gentlemen of Distinction; and Afternoon, on Saturday, his Excellency Governor* SHARPE, *of this Province, with the three other Governors, and a Number of the Gentlemen, set out for* Alexandria.

On Friday last arrived here, Capt. Jones, *in the Brig* Endeavour, *from* Cork, *with 23 Indented Servants. He informs us that while he was at* Cork, *he was informed that a Snow from* Maryland, *loaded with Lumber, had put into* Swanzey *in* Wales, *with the Loss of her Masts.*

We hear that most or all the Forces are marched from Alexandria, *Westward.*

Friday last died at Chester Town, *after a lingering Illness, Mr.* JAMES CALDER, *aged 60 Years, who had long practiced the Law in this and the neighbouring Province, with great Repute, and was for six Years a Representative in the General Assembly of this Province for* Kent County. *He was a Gentleman greatly esteem'd by all who knew him: By his Death, his Family has lost a worthy Head, a kind Husband, tender Parent, and indulgent Master; and his Acquaintance, an agreeable Friend and good Neighbour.*

Custom House, Annapolis, *Enter'd since* March 18.
Sloop Hopewell, William Thomas, from Jamaica;
Ship Greyhound, Alex. Stewart, from London;
Ship Betsey, John White, from London;
Sloop Trial, Thomas Currer, from Antigua;
Brigantine Endeavour, John Jones, from Cork.

Cleared for Departure,

Sloop Deborah, Septimus Noel, for Antigua;
Ship Biddeford, John Cole, for Bristol;
Sloop Unity, Henry Hammond, for Rhode Island;
Schooner Hannah, J. Coupland, for Philadelphia;
Brig Nancy, Robert Bryce, for Barbados;
Sloop Elizabeth, John Bennett, for Barbados;
Schooner Charming Patty, M. Parsons, for Salem;
Sloop Elizabeth and Polly, J. Blain, for N. Jersey;
Sloop Merrimack, Isaac Randall, for Salem;
Sloop Sally, Sweetnam Burn, for Barbados;
Schooner Elizabeth, Samuel White, for Hampton.

[*The Small Pox is not in Town, as it currently reported in the Country; nor has been for several Years past.*]

For CORK *directly,*

The Brig ENDEAVOUR,
JOHN JONES,
Master,

A prime Sailer, with exceeding good Accommodations for Passengers,

WILL certainly sail by the 20th Day of *May* next. For Passage apply to the said Master, or *William Govane*, Merchant, in *Baltimore Town.*

JUST IMPORTED,

In the BETSEY, *Capt.* WHITE, *from* LONDON, *and to be Sold by the Subscriber, at his Store near the Dock in* Annapolis, *at reasonable Rates, wholesale or retail, for Current Money, Bills of Exchange, or Tobacco,*

GREAT Variety of *European* and *East-India* GOODS, suitable to the SEASON.

John Raitt.

THE Subscribers having been a long Time confin'd in *Anne Arundel* County Prison, for Debt, and not having wherewith to satisfy their Creditors, intend to apply to the next Session of Assembly for an Act for their Relief.

Thomas Todd,
Jasper Hall,
Daniel Wells.

JUST IMPORTED,

In the BETSEY, *Capt.* JOHN WHITE, *from* LONDON, *and to be Sold by the Subscriber, at his Store in* Annapolis *and* London-Town, *at reasonable Rates, wholesale or retail, for Current Money, Bills of Exchange, or Tobacco,*

VARIETY of *European* and *East-India* GOODS, fit for the SEASON. Also Cordage, Cables, Anchors, Duck, and Ship Chandlery of all Kinds, *Weston's* and *Arnold's* best Snuff, Window Glass 8 by 10, Quart Bottles, best *Florence* Oil, &c. &c.

James Dick.

RICHARD BRYAN,
PILOT, in *Annapolis,*

WILL Pilot Ships from *Annapolis* into *Patapsco*, or from *Patapsco* to *Annapolis*, at Three Pounds Currency each; and from *Annapolis* to *Sassafras*, *North-East*, or *Susquehanna*, at Five Pounds each, and the same down again. And all Masters and Commanders of Vessels may depend on his Care and Skill, as he has been employ'd in that Business for ten Years past, and never yet met with any Disaster.

P. S. Any Commander who may want Piloting to *Cape-Henry* shall be Piloted thither for seven Pistoles, by

Their humble Servant,
Richard Bryan.

LEFT, some Time ago, in the Store of Mr. *Jacques*, near the Dock, Two good GREAT COATS, which are now at the Printing-Office. The Owner of each of them may have his Coat again, on describing of it, and paying half the Charge of this Advertisement.

[*One of the Coats is since town'd.*]

To be Sold by the Subscriber, living on Potowmack, *near the Mouth of* Rock *Creek, in* Prince-George's *County.*

TWO Tracts of Land, both lying near the said Creek, 10 or 12 Miles from the Mouth of it: The one contains 240 Acres, it has a good Dwelling House, Kitchen, Corn House, Garden, Orchards, and a very good Spring: The other contains 156 Acres, whereon is a small Dwelling House, Tobacco House, and a good Orchard. 'Tis a fine Place for raising Stock.

Any Person inclinable to purchase may apply to

John Watson.

Conformable to LAW,

NOTICE is hereby given, That there is at the Plantation of *John Bean*, at *Antietum*, in *Frederick* County, taken up as a Stray, a small dark Bay Stone Horse, hath some white Hairs in his Forehead, a black Mane and Tail, and is branded on the near Shoulder with C.

The Owner may have him again, on proving his Property, and paying Charges.

Conformable to LAW,

NOTICE is hereby given, That there is at the Plantation of *William Cole*, at *Elk Ridge*, taken up as a Stray, a Bay Mare, branded on the near Buttock S G, she has had a very sore Back, suppos'd to have been hurt by a Cart Saddle. Also a black Mare Colt about two Years old, hath a large Blaze in her Face, Wall Eyes, her hind Feet white, and is branded on the near Buttock and Shoulder with S.

The Owner may have them again, on proving his Property, and paying Charges.

THE Subscriber intending to leave off Tavern-keeping, desires those who are indebted to him, to come and rub out their Scores, which will greatly oblige him.

N. B. He will still live in the same House and take in Gentlemen at private Lodgings, where they shall be well accommodated, by

Their humble Servant,

Charles Wallace.

JUST IMPORTED,

In the GREYHOUND, *Capt.* ALEX. STEWART, *from* LONDON, *and to be Sold, on board the said Ship, by the Subscriber, either by wholesale or retail,*

GERMAN and *Irish* Linens, brown and white Sheeting, Osnabrigs and brown Rolls, Lemons, refin'd Sugar, Cheese, *London* Porter and Ale, in Bottles and Cask, Pickles, *viz.* Capers, Anchovies, Olives, and Catchup, best *Durham* Mustard, and *Weston's* Snuff, Gloves and Mittens of all Sorts, Hats and Bonnets for Ladies, newest Fashion fine Flawse Tippets, *Scotch* Thread of all Sorts, Stocking Breeches and Waistcoats 4 Thread, brown marbl'd and white Thread Stockings, several Sorts of hard Ware, Earthen and Stone Ware little inferior to China, *viz.* white Agate and Tortoise Plates and Dishes, plain, scollop'd and flower'd, hand Basons and Bottles, Fruit Baskets, Salts, Coffee and Chocolate Cups, all Sorts of Milk Pans, Jugs, *&c.* Cordage and Oakam.

James Houston.

WHEREAS *Amy*, the Wife of me the Subscriber, living near the Mouth of *Manoccosy*, in *Frederick* County, has been disorder'd in her Mind, at Times, and made Way with some of my Effects: This is therefore to forewarn any Body from Trusting, or Dealing with, the said *Amy*, on my Account, as I will pay none of her Debts, or abide by any of her Bargains, after this 3d of *April* 1755.

William Wheat.

London-Town, March 31, 1755.

ALL Persons indebted to Mr. *William Black*, Merchant in *London*, are desired to make Payment to the Subscriber, his Attorney in Fact, by the first Day of *May* next, or else they may depend upon being sued to *June* Court.

Samuel Chapman.

RAN away from the Subscriber, living in *Alexandria*, on the 26th of *March* last, an *English* Servant Man, named *James Large*, his Face is a little bruised and black: He had on a dark Claret colour'd Coat, lined with Alopeen, with Metal Buttons, a strip'd Linsey Jacket, the Back and Front Parts, I believe, is of two Sorts, and a dark colour'd Pea working Jacket with Pewter Buttons, a Pair of light colour'd Breeches with Metal Buttons, and has a Hat and Wig. He went off on a small Bay Horse, has a Curb Bridle, and a Saddle but can't describe it.

Whoever takes up the said Servant, and brings him and Horse to the Subscriber, shall have a Pistole Reward, if taken in the County, if taken out of the County Two Pistoles, beside what the Law allows, paid by

John Dalton.

FOUND in the Possession of *Penelope House*, (who has been twice Whipp'd and Pillory'd for Shop-lifting), and committed to the Sheriff's Custody, by Order of Court, as they are supposed to be stolen, the following Things, viz. Two Pieces of black Lace, some white Lace, one fine Cambrick Apron, three Yards of Ribbon, one Pair of plain Ruffles, one lac'd Mobb, one Pair of white Stone Ear rings with Drops, one Gold Ring with Stones, and one Velvet Hood.

Whoever has lost any such Things, may view them at the Sheriff's Office, in *Annapolis.*

THE Subscribers living near *Upper-Marlborough*, in *Prince George's* County, carry on the Business of STAY-MAKING in the neatest and best Manner, and after the newest Fashion, they having Variety of all Necessaries for carrying on the same. And all Persons who are in want of any may depend upon being served, with all Expedition, and at the cheapest Rates, by

William and *Colmore Beanes.*

THE Subscriber, going out as Sutler to the Camp, intends to dispose of his Houses and Lots in the Town of *Alexandria*, which consists of one Acre, on which is a very convenient House, suitable for a Tavern, 82 Feet long, with a Kitchen, Meat-House and Stable.

Any Person inclinable to purchase may know the Terms by applying to Messrs. *Carlyle* and *Dalton*, or to

Nathanael Smith.

For *Charles-Town*, in *So. Carolina*,

The SHIP *FRIENDSHIP*, JOHN RATTRAY, Master;

Now lying in *West* River, and will sail in a few Days. She has extraordinary Accommodations for Passengers. For Passage agree with said Master.

HAVING already sundry Times advertised in this *Gazette*, of which but little Notice has been taken; I find myself obliged *once more*, to give public Notice, That all Persons on the Western Shore of *Maryland* indebted to BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esq; and Company, of *Philadelphia*, are desired to make speedy Payment; and that Attendance will be given at Mr. *Middleton's* in *Annapolis*, the first Week in the Provincial Court in *May* next, to receive the same.

William Young.

LENT, but forgot to whom, one of the Bodies of Laws of this Province. On the Title Page is wrote *Robert Gordon*. Whoever has got it, is desired to return it to the Printer hereof.

JONATHAN RAWLINGS,

At the House lately kept by Anthony Smith, *about seven Miles from* London Town, *on the Road leading to* Calvert *and* St. Mary's *Counties,*

KEEPS TAVERN, where all Gentlemen Travellers may be well accommodated, and meet with good Entertainment and Usage, from

Their humble Servant,

Jonathan Rawlings.

February 27, 1755.

ALL Persons indebted to *Richard Gildart*, Esq; and Sons, of *Liverpool*, Merchants, for Dealings with their several Factors within this Province, are desired to settle their respective Accounts with, and pay the Ballances due to, the Subscriber, now Agent to the said Company, at *Oxford*, before the first Day of *July* next, otherwise they may expect to be dealt with, for Recovery thereof, as the Laws, in that Case made and provided, direct: And all Persons who have any Demands on the said Company, are desired, in that Time, to apply for Payment to

Thomas Brereton.

By whom is to be Sold, at *Oxford*, a large Assortment of *European* GOODS, on reasonable Terms.

RAN away from the Subscriber, the 20th of *November* last, living on *Patuxent* River, near *Upper Marlborough*, in *Prince George's* County, a dark Mulatto Man, named *Sam*, about 5 Feet 9 or 10 Inches high, about 30 Years of Age, a Carpenter by Trade, has a down Look, and low Voice. Had on when he went away, a new Cotton Jacket and Breeches, and Osnabrigs Shirt; he is supposed to have taken with him, one Cotton Coat lined with blue, one red Waistcoat and Breeches, one blue Silk Coat, one light Cloth Coat, some fine Shirts, and one or two good Hats. He is supposed to be lurking in *Charles* County, near *Bryan Town*, where a Mulatto Woman lives, whom he has for some Time called his Wife; but as he is an artful Fellow, and can read and write, it is probable he may endeavour to make his Escape out of the Province.

Whoever takes up the said Runaway, and secures him so as his Master may get him again, shall have, if taken out of this Province, Three Pounds; and if within this Province, Forty Shillings, besides what the Law allows, paid by

William Digges, junior.

Baltimore County, *January* 25, 1755.

BROKE out of the County Goal, last Night, at *Joppa*, *John Tucker*, a Ship-Carpenter, about 5 Feet 10 Inches high, has lost some of his fore Teeth, he bends forward when walking, and is about 45 Years of Age.

Whoever apprehends the said *Tucker*, and brings him to my Goal, shall have FOUR PISTOLES Reward, if taken in the County; if taken out of the County, FIVE PISTOLES Reward, and reasonable Charges, paid by

William Young, Sheriff.

January 7, 1755.

THE Commissioners of the Paper Currency Office, have, by frequent Advertisements, desired the Debtors to that Office to come and pay the Interest due on their Bonds, which they have not hitherto complied with: Therefore they now inform all concerned, that they have put several Bonds in Suit, and that they will continue to do so, in every Instance, until all the Interest Money, due to the said Office, is paid in.

Signed per *Order of the Commissioners,*

Richard Dorsey,
Clerk Paper Currency Office.

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